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LCO No. 2940

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE THRESHOLD FOR THE SPECIAL
EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) Any local or regional board of education which provides special
4 education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a to 10-76g,
5 inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of
6 subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its jurisdiction, excluding (1)
7 children placed by a state agency for whom a board of education
8 receives payment pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
9 subsection (e) of section 10-76d, and (2) children who require special
10 education, who reside on state-owned or leased property or in
11 permanent family residences, as defined in section 17a-154, and who
12 are not the educational responsibility of the unified school districts
13 established pursuant to sections 17a-37, 17a-240 and 18-99a, shall be
14 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of special education
15 instruction, as defined in the regulations of the State Board of
16 Education, in an amount equal to [five] three times the average per

17 pupil educational costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal
18 year, determined in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of
19 section 10-76f. The State Board of Education shall pay on a current
20 basis any costs in excess of the local or regional boards' basic
21 contribution paid by such board in accordance with the provisions of
22 this subsection. Any amounts paid by the State Board of Education on
23 a current basis pursuant to this subsection shall not be reimbursable in
24 the subsequent year. Application for such grant shall be made by filing
25 with the Department of Education, in such manner as prescribed by
26 the commissioner, annually on or before December first a statement of
27 the cost of providing special education pursuant to this subsection,
28 provided a board of education may submit, not later than February
29 first, claims for additional children or costs not included in the
30 December filing. Payment by the state for such excess costs shall be
31 made to the local or regional board of education as follows: Seventy-
32 five per cent of the cost in February and the balance in April. The
33 amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of this subsection
34 shall be paid to the treasurer of each town entitled to such aid,
35 provided the treasurer shall treat such grant, or a portion of the grant,
36 which relates to special education expenditures incurred in excess of
37 such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
38 expenditures, as a reduction in expenditures by crediting such
39 expenditure account, rather than town revenue. Such expenditure
40 account shall be so credited no later than thirty days after receipt by
41 the treasurer of necessary documentation from the board of education
42 indicating the amount of such special education expenditures incurred
43 in excess of such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
44 expenditures.

45 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To decrease the threshold for the grant from five times to three times the average per pupil educational cost of the school district for the prior fiscal year.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]